(1) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development
(2) Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits
(3) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Ministry of Tourism is also promoting the places of tourist interests/ spots through its 20 India tourism offices located in India, 13 abroad and through the 'Incredible India' campaign as well as publicity through print and electronic media, etc.

During the current financial year Rs. 836.92 lakh has been sanctioned, out of which Rs. 670.72 lakh has been released so far.

Shortage of premium brands at duty free shops of ITDC

2294. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of premium scotch whisky at the duty free shops and ITDC has decided to switch over to a tender process, instead of purchase order to manufacturers, for buying fresh stocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for changes in purchase process; and

(c) whether Government propose to ensure that the whisky procured through lowest bidder is not adulterated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Presently, India Tourism Development Corporation is procuring from manufacturers directly.

Measures to boost tourism in tribal areas

†2295. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented to boost tourism in the tribal dominated areas replete with natural beauty and wildlife and National Parks of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the assistance being provided by the Centre to boost tourism in the tribal areas; and

(d) the details of assistance provided during the last three years to the private sector for the tourism development, State-wise and institution-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations including Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh to boost tourism which also includes the tribal dominated areas, for the following schemes:

(1) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development
(2) Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits
(3) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Projects proposals received, complete in all respects, are processed on *inter-se* priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for development of tribal areas in Chhattisgarh:

(i) Integrated development of Jagdalpur, District Bastar in Chhattisgarh for Rs. 277.50 lakhs during 2002-03

(ii) Rural Tourism Project Village Nagarnar in Bastar District for Rs. 48.00 lakhs during 2003-04.

(d) Funds are provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations for implementation of CFA projects.

Setting up of budget hotels

2296. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of budget hotels proposed to be set up by Government in co-operation with private sector in the country, during the current financial year;